> French troops until the enemy States shall have completely carried out all the terms and guarantees stipulated for in the peace treaty.
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> The Government of the Republic will, therefore, be glad to be able to count on the support of the Imperial Government in realising its projects. . . . "*

As a comment on the fraternity and good faith that characterised relations between the Allies, it is worth while mentioning the fact that the Government of " perfidious Albion " was kept completely in the dark about these secret discussions and pledges concerning the terms of the Peace Treaty- The promise was extracted from the Czar in the presence, but not in the hearing, of the British and Italian *British and* representatives at Petrograd, and not a *inth^dark[1]* ^nt was giyen them of the clandestine and underhanded transaction. When the Revolutionaries later on revealed the existence of this secret Treaty between two Allies, the French Government explained privately to our Ambassador that Doumergue had exceeded his instructions on this occasion.

The preoccupation of the French Delegation with a topic not relevant to the effective prosecution of the War diverted them from the essential common effort to persuade the Emperor and his Government to take the necessary steps to set their chaotic house in order. Even the bold Buchanan had to

be careful not to press his diplomatic candour too far. After the famous interview in which he had spoken plainly to the Emperor as to the danger that he might lose the confidence of his people, there came a dinner

* " An Ambassador's Memoirs," M. Paléologue, p. 192,